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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003 for three(3) month(s) from August 23, 2003 to November 23, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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